



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase a sole-source Sauber Wire Puller Model 1570-13 (\$36,800.00) (EUD)

MEETING DATE: May 16, 2001

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the purchase of a Sauber Wire Puller model 1570-13 from the sole manufacturer of this design of wire puller, Sauber Manufacturing of Virgil, IL, in the amount of \$36,800.00.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This wire puller design is particularly good as it is compact and practical for building or rebuilding Electric Utility overhead distribution lines in congested areas. This wire puller can also be used to pull in underground cable.

Overhead Primary is now pulled in by the use of Capstan installed on the side of a line/digger truck. Usually the primary is de energized causing an inconvenience to customers. Also, installing primary in this manner is labor intensive as the rope needs to be rolled up on rope reel by hand, etc. This needlessly wastes production time of a line crew. This wire puller will enable the line crews to install wire while the existing primary remains energized and the rope will be rolled up by the puller, thus saving crew time, increasing production of line crews and working safer. In this time of rising costs and competition it is essential to implement cost savings wherever possible. This wire puller will bring the Electric Utility Department in compliance with CAL OSHA Rule #2941(1).

FUNDING: To come from Certificates of Participation

Funding Approval: *Ruby R. Laite for*
Vicky McAthie, Finance Director

Alan N. Vallow
Alan N. Vallow
Electric Utility Director

PREPARED BY: Carl Lindstrom, Electric Utility Superintendent

ANV/CL/1st

C: City Attorney

APPROVED:

H. Dixon Flynn
H. Dixon Flynn City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-121

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
THE SOLE-SOURCE PURCHASE OF A SAUBER WIRE PULLER,
MODEL 1570-13

=====

WHEREAS, Lodi Municipal Code, §3.20.070, authorizes dispensing with bids for purchases of supplies, services or equipment when it is in the best interest of the City to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Sauber Wire Puller Model 1570-13 is compact and practical for building or rebuilding Electric Utility overhead distribution lines in congested areas, and can be used to pull in underground cable; and

WHEREAS, overhead primary wire is now pulled in by the use of a Capstan installed on the side of a line/digger truck; and

WHEREAS, usually the primary cable is de-energized causing inconvenience to customers, and installing primary cable in this manner is labor intensive as the rope needs to be rolled up on rope reel by hand, which needlessly wastes production time of a line crew; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of this wire puller will enable the line crews to install wire while the existing primary remains energized and the rope will be rolled up by the puller, thus saving crew time, increasing production of line crews, and working safer; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends purchasing the Sauber Wire Puller Model 1570-13 from the sole supplier of this unit, Sauber Manufacturing, of Virgil, IL.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council hereby approves the sole-source purchase of the Sauber Wire Puller Model 1570-13 from Sauber Manufacturing, of Virgil, IL, in the amount of \$36,800.00.

Dated: May 16, 2001

=====

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2001-121 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held May 16, 2001, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Pennino and Mayor Nakanishi

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk